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SUBJECT: SWEDISH CONTINGENT IN UNIFIL

1. AT LUNCH APRIL 20 GIVEN BY SWEDISH MINISTER OF DEFENSE
KRONMARK FOR VISITING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE THOMAS
ROSS, DCM EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION
TO UNIFIL, WHEREUPON KRONMARK NOTED THAT SWEDISH
PARTICIPATION HAD TIME LIMITATION. DCM
SAID HE GATHERED THAT UN WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY COLLECTING
AS MANY TROOPS AS NEEDED, AND HAD IMPRESSION USG AND
OTHERS WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF SWEDISH CONTINGENT COULD
STAY LONGER.

2. KRONMARK, WHO HAS VISITED SWEDISH TROOPS IN SINAI
HIMSELF, SAID THERE WAS CLEAR NEED TO GET SWEDISH TROOPS
BACK TO SINAI, SINCE THEY HAD LARGE AREA TO COVER THERE,
WHILE CYPRUS RESPONSIBILITIES CONTINUED AS WELL. HE
SAID EACH BATTALION ON UN DUTY REQUIRED SOME FIFTY
CAREER OFFICERS TO LEAVE SWEDEN, WHICH WAS SPREADING
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SWEDISH RESOURCES THIN FOR TRAINING ITS OWN
RECRUITS INSIDE SWEDEN. KRONMARK SAID HE WAS NOT
SETTING A DEFINITE TIME LIMIT, HE WAS MERELY SAYING
IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR SWEDISH UNIFIL CONTINGENT TO
REMAIN PERMANENTLY. DCM SAID UNDER PRESENT CIRCUM-
STANCES, PERHAPS THE LONGER THEY COULD STAY, THE
BETTER. KRONMARK ADDED THAT MANY COUNTRIES

APPLAUDED UNIFIL, BUT HE WISHED THEY WOULD DO MORE
IN GIVING TROOPS AND PAYING THEIR BILLS.

3. COMMENT. WHILE KRONMARK MADE IT CLEAR HE WAS
NOT SETTING TIME LIMIT, IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE
SWEDISH MOD WANT IT TO BE KNOWN THAT THE SWEDES ARE
FEELING THE PINCH FROM THEIR TROOPS' DUTY IN UNIFIL
AND THAT THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE DURATION OF
THEIR STAY IN LEBANON.
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